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MILITARY COLLECTION No. 386

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File 4

GENERAL HEADING - British West africa

1899

SUB-HEAD - Loan of services of Capt C. J. Melliss, I.S.C.

Tel to India, No. p. dated 20 Feb 1899.	W.O. apply for services of Capt C. J. Melliss, 9th Bn. M.I. with West African Force - Any objection?
Tel from India, No. p. dated 24 Feb 1899.	No.
Tel to India, No. p. dated 16 Mar 1899.	W.O. apply for services of Lt W. J. Ottley, I.S.C.
Tel from India, No. p. dated 22 Mar 1899.	No objection
D. to India, No. 46 p. 19 dated 11 May 1899.	Lt Ottley has declined appt
D. to India, No. 54 p. 9 dated 25 May 1899.	Capt Melliss embarked 22 Apl for service with the West African Force - No contribution towards pension &c.
D to India, No. 130 p. 13. dated 15 Nov 1900.	Capt Melliss has been invalided home & will revert to Indian Establishment
D to India, No. 70 p. 8 dated 21 June 1901.	Further employment for about 2 years sanctd.

1899.	M. 856. 1234. 1881. 2078. 2469. 2704. 2797. 2939.
1899.	M. 2905. 3284. 3626. 4069. 4250. 4444. 5036.
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File 4

GENERAL HEADING - British West Africa

1899.

SUB-HEAD - - Loan of services of Capt. C. J. Mellios. I.S.C.

No. 162 dated 21 Nov. 1902.	India, p. 17	Lt Col C. J. Mellios reverted to Indian establisht. from service under C.O. with effect from 1st October and has been ordered to return.
No. dated 190 .	India, p.	
No. dated 190 .	India, p.	
No. dated 190 .	India, p.	
No. dated 190 .	India, p.	
No. dated 190 .	India, p.	
No. dated 190 .	India, p.	

1902. M. 15216, 15321. 16246 18213

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INDIA OFFICE, LONDON.

19th JUNE 1903.

FINANCIAL,

No. 101.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

My Lord,

1. The sum of 10/6 (s d), as per enclosed voucher, has been paid to the War Office in respect of freight on a case of Kindergarten material ordered from Messrs. G. Philip and Son, Fleet Street, London, by the Officer Commanding, Royal Artillery Division, Jhansi. The amount should, apparently, be recovered from that Officer.

2. I also request that the sum of 18/- (s) may be recovered from Lieutenant H. W. Price, 2nd Battalion, Royal Warwick Regiment, on account of messing, at 2/- (s) a day, from the 13th to the 21st of May 1902, while on passage from Halifax to Liverpool, en route to India.

F. 3832.

3. The sum of £294. 15. 10, as shewn in the enclosed statement, has been paid to the War Office on account of the pay of the 1st Battalion, York and Lancaster Regiment, for the

period

period of the voyage from South Africa to India in October and November last.

The pay lists of the Battalion are forwarded herewith; any adjustment that may be necessary should be made in India.

F. 3721. 4. In continuation of the 3rd paragraph of my despatch, dated the 22nd ultimo, No.93 (Financial), I have to inform you that the War Office have advanced the further sum of £421,000 on account of expenditure incurred in connection with the despatch of a force of British Troops from India to South Africa, subject to adjustment hereafter.

F. 2713. 5. With reference to the fourth paragraph of my despatch, dated the 20th of March last, No.54 (Financial), regarding claims on the Colonial Office in respect of the pay of Lieutenant Colonel C. J. Melliss V.C. and Lieutenant G. Knowles, I enclose, for your information, a copy of further correspondence with that Department on the subject.

From Colonial Office, dated 11th April 1903.
(2 letters.)
To Colonial Office dated 24th April.
From Colonial Office dated 1st May.
To Colonial Office dated 2nd June.

It will be observed that the amended claim, preferred in the letter to the Colonial Office dated the 2nd Instant, includes, in Lieutenant Knowles's case, pay at half West African

African rates for the 5 days from the 27th of October 1902,

viz: £2. 13. 9, and the necessary adjustment should, therefore,

be made in the Schedules of the Account Current.

I have decided that no recovery shall be made from

the two Officers in respect of the difference between Indian

and half West African rates.

F. 3833. 6. The sum of £778. 6. 6, as shewn in the enclosed

statement, has been paid to the War Office on account of the

pay of the 1st Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment, for the period

of the voyage from South Africa to India in October and

November last.

The pay Lists of the Battalion are forwarded

herewith; any adjustment that may be necessary should be made

in India.

F. 3818. 7. In reference to paragraph 5 of your Military Letter

No.71, dated the 16th of April last, I forward copy of

correspondence with the War Office, regarding the question of

To War Office 16th May 1903)
From War Office 4th June 1903.)

fixing the number of years before

absorption takes place, in the case of special promotions

granted to Natives of India for services rendered to the

British Government out of India. It will be seen that the

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War Office is prepared, in all such cases to accept the best data that can be furnished by your Government, rather than that annual claims should be made.

8. I forward a copy of a letter received through the War Office from Dr. C. Martin of the Burma Uncovenanted Medical Service, who is employed with the Abyssinian contingent in Somaliland, applying for combined privilege leave and Indian furlough after the expiration of his present special duty. I shall be glad if you will cause the application to be dealt with in the proper quarter, and the reply to be sent direct to Colonel Rochfort in Somaliland for communication to Dr. Martin as expeditiously as possible. The War Office has been informed that should the answer to Dr. Martin's application not reach him before his present employment comes to an end, there is no objection to his being granted short leave to this country by the Military authorities under whom he is serving.

Dated 25th April 1903.

To War Office 8th June 1903.
From War Office 13th June 1903.

A copy of correspondence with the War Office is enclosed.

I have, &c.

(Sd.) George Hamilton.

(TRUE COPY)

M. S. Hall.

Military

Minute Paper. Financial Department.

Register No. F.2713. Received 2nd May 1903.

Formally acknowledged.

	Date.	Initials.	SUBJECT.
Under Secretary.....			
Secretary of State ...			
Committee			
Under Secretary.....			
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Furlo' pay Lt.Col.C.J.Melliss and Lieut. Knowles.

Lt.Col.C.J.Mellis, V.C. and Lieut. G. Knowles, two officers of the Indian Army, were last year invalided to this country from West Africa where they had been employed under the Colonial Office. They were paid from Colontal Funds up to the 30th September and 7th October 1902, respectively, being the dates when they were pronounced fit for duty in India. They were retransferred to the Indian Establishment with effect from the 1st October and 7th October respectively. Lieutenant Colonel Mellis being then granted leave on private affairs for six months and Lieut. Knowles leave to date of rejoining in India.

As under the arrangement with the War

12201. I. 2339. 500.—11/1902.

War Office regarding the incidence of leave pay of Officers on the Indian Establishment lent for Imperial Service, the pay of non-regimental officers, who are not fit for duty on completion of their employment, does not become chargeable to India until the date on which they might have rejoined their appointments in India after the date on which they were declared fit for duty, (in the case of an Officer proceeding from this country to India, this is reckoned as 25 days) the Colonial Office were asked whether they would admit claims as under:-

Lt.Col.Mellis- 1st to 20th October 1902- £24.13.2.

Lieut. Knowles-7th to 26th October 1902- £13.14.0.

Pay for the full 25 days was not claimed in either case: because, from the 21st October, Lt.Col. Mellis's pay became chargeable to the War Office, his regiment having embarked for Somaliland on that date, and because, in Lieut. Knowles's case, pay for the last five days was issued in India. The Colonial Office were told that a claim for the 5 days' pay issued in India would be preferred later.

In reply, the Colonial Office state that they are willing that the pay of the Officers for the periods in question should be borne by Nigeria funds but they consider that, in both cases, the pay should not be at Indian rates, but at half West African rates, as they were both receiving half West African rates at the time when they reverted to the Indian Establishment.

This seems reasonable, and it is proposed to amend the claim accordingly. In the circumstances, it is not proposed to instruct the Government of India to make any recovery from the two officers in respect of the difference (£6.16.10) between Indian and half West African rates.

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INDIA OFFICE

F.2713.

2nd June
~~May~~ 1903.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 1st Instant, No. 15117/1903, I am directed to inform you that Lord George Hamilton agrees to the proposals contained in your letters of the 11th ultimo, No. 7223 and 7224, regarding the pay of Lieutenant Colonel C. J. Melliss, V.C. and Lieutenant G. Knowles, of the Indian Army.

An amended Receivable Order for £34. 18.10 is enclosed, and I am to request that that amount may be transferred to the credit of the Secretary of State in Council of India in lieu of the amounts previously claimed.

I am to add that the above-mentioned sum includes, in Lieutenant Knowles's case, pay at half West African rates for the 5 days referred to in the last paragraph of the letter from this Office of the 23rd February, No. F.674.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

(S'D) A. GODLEY

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
S.W.

(TRUE COPY)
H. L. Hall.

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29th May. 1903

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23rd February 1903.

Sir,

With reference to the letter from this Office of the 22nd October last, No.M/15029. in which it was stated that Lieutenant Colonel C.J. Melliss, V.C. was examined by a Medical Board on the 30th September and pronounced fit for duty in India, I am directed to inform you that, under an arrangement between this Office and the War Office regarding the incidence of the leave pay of IndianOfficers lent for service under the Imperial Government, the pay of Lieut. Col. Melliss would, in the circumstances of his case, continue to form a charge against Imperial Funds for the period necessary to enable him to rejoin his appointment in India, which period, in the case of an officer proceeding to India from this country, is taken as 25 days.

As however, Lieut. Colonel Melliss's regiment left India for Somaliland on or about the 21st October last, his leave pay from that date will, under the arrangement above referred to, be charged to the War Office.

If this Office is correct in assuming that there will

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office, S.W.

will be no objection on the part of the Colonial Office to the leave pay of Lieut. Colonel Melliss being adjusted on the same basis as if he had been in the employ of the War Office, the pay of the Officer for the period from the 1st to the 20th of October 1902, viz. £24.13.2. is chargeable to the funds of the Northern Nigeria Protectorate, and I am, therefore, directed to request that that sum may be transferred to the credit of the Secretary of State in Council of India at the Bank of England, for which purpose a Receivable Order is enclosed.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(S'D) F. W. NEWMARCH,
ASST. FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

(S'D) [illegible]
Financial Secretary.

(TRUE COPY)

M. S. Hall.

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Copy Reference from the Financial Department.

Register No. F 7/35/03.

Referred to Military Department.

Dated Feb. 10th 1903.

Will the Mily. Dept. be so good as to attach the correspondence relating to the employment of Capt. Melliss under the Colonial Office.

(Sd) J. W. Newmarch.

Reply.

Dated Feb 12th 1903.

P. P. 1013 W. 7577 Coll 386/4.

The correspondence is attached.

(Sd) E. STEDMAN.
Major General,
Military Secretary.

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Copy Reference from the Accts Department.

Register No. 1579
(Audit Query)

Referred to Military Department.
Dated Jan 20th 1903.

Reply.
Dated Feb 6th 1903.

In view of the fact that the payments to Lieut-Col. G. J. Young-husband and Lieut. Col. C. J. Mellis were made under his authority
(S'd) A. G. Scott.

The case of Lieut-Col. Younghusband will be reported on hereafter.

Captain C. J. Mellis was borrowed by the Colonial Office for service in West Africa while on leave in this country. His case is therefore similar to that of Captain G. Knowles, and it does not appear to me that any charge for his furlough pay beyond the date when he was pronounced fit for duty is chargeable to the Colonial Office. It will be noticed that the leave on private affairs from 1st Oct, 1902 was granted

(Form 92.)

Y 8345. 1000.—1/1903. I. 191.

granted by this Office with the
consent of the Govt. of India

(Sd) E Stedman
Major General,
Mily Secy.

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State,
War Office,
London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.

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War Office,

London, S.W.

17th December 1902.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acquaint you for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that Lieut-Colonel Melliss, V.C., Indian Staff Corps, reverted to the Indian Establishment from the West African Frontier Force with effect from the Ist October I902.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E Fleetwood Wilson

The Under Secretary of State,

India Office.

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

No. 162 para. 17

Dated 21 Nov 1902

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17. Lieutenant-Colonel C. J. Melliss, V.C., 1st Bombay Grenadiers, reverted to the Indian establishment from service under the Colonial Office, with effect from 1st October 1902.

M 15,321.

In consequence of the operations in Somaliland Colonel Melliss has been ordered to return to duty. He embarked in the Steamship "Caledonia," leaving Marseilles 31st October 1902.

[*In reply to your Military Telegram, dated* 18*th October* 1902.]

(Form 5.)

10655. I. 2122. 2500.—11/1901.

Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 43974/1902.

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M 16246 1902.

Downing Street,

November, 1902.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, No.M/5029, of the 22nd of October, and to inform you that Lieutenant Colonel C.J.Melliss, V.C., I.S.C., has been paid from the funds of Northern Nigeria up to and including the 30th of September.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. L. Antrobus

The Under Secretary of State,

INDIA OFFICE.

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Reference Paper.

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Military Department.

Referred to The Accountant Genl. The 24 Oct 1902.

Lieut Col. B.J. Mellis,
V.C. 1st Bo. I. has been re-transferred to the Indian Establishment from 1 Oct 1902 and has been granted leave under the Staff Corps Rules from that date.

He has now been granted permission to return by duly and passage to Aden has been ordered for Line via Brindisi. As the case is urgent it is requested that

Noted and the necessary action taken.
L.P. Scott
29 Oct 1902
pts

AUDITOR TO NOTE
Noted
pts

(Form 24.)

11159. I. 405. 2000.—2/1902.

The usual advance of
£100 may be remitted
him as soon as possible

F. Whitmore Smith

~~Major General~~

Asst. Adj. Genl

15 (18)

Certified. that Lieutenant-Colonel C. J. Mellis V.C.

has been paid his Salary and Half-Salary as Second in Command

of the West African Frontier Force in Northern Nigeria

~~from the~~ ~~of~~ ~~100~~, to the 20th of September 1902,

~~both days~~ inclusive, and to no later period

Entd. LA

Crown Agent for the Colonies.

London, the 21st October 1902

~~The Hon.~~ :

Lieut. Colonel C. J. Mellis V. C.

~~The Colonial Secretary~~,

Junior Naval & Military Club,

~~&c., &c., &c.~~

96 Piccadilly. W.

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It is requested that in any further communication on this subject the undermentioned letter and number may be quoted, and the reply addressed to—
The Under Secretary of State for India,
India Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.

M. 15029.

India Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.

22nd October 1902.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the Government of India have reported that they have no objection to the leave applied for by you.

You are accordingly granted six months' leave on private affairs under the Leave Rules for the Staff Corps with effect from 1st October 1902.

A Receivable Order for £1.12.6 being the cost of the telegrams to and from India is enclosed.

A further letter will be addressed to you on receipt of a reply to a telegram which has been sent to the General Officer Commanding, Aden, regarding your employment on active service in Somaliland.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Major General,

Military Secretary.

Lieut. Col. C.J. Melliss, V.C.
45 Pall Mall. S.W.

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Departments are requested, if they suspect that there is any mistake in this telegram, to communicate immediately *with the Private Secretary to the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State.*

COPY OF TELEGRAM

FROM

Aden

DATED 23rd October 1902

RECEIVED AT LONDON OFFICE 11.34 A.M.

Referring to your telegram of 21 Oct. last, Melliss is not required. Additional officers for 1st Bombay Infantry are being sent from India.

This does not quite agree with subsequent telegram ordering all April
1st 2nd 23rd to

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Military Department.

Letter No.

Received 21 Oct } 190 2.

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	Date.	Initials.	SUBJECT.
Under Secretary.....	21.X.02	L.L.	Lieut/Col C. J. Mellis's V.C. 1 Bo.S
Secretary of State			
Committee			
Under Secretary.....			As to service in Somali-land
Secretary of State			
Council			

Approved Council, 190 . Mil. Sec. Mr.
Letter to No. M. dated 190 .
Despatch to No. " 190 .
Telegram to Gov.C. Aden No. 467 " 21 Oct 190 2.

Send H.B.
21 Oct 02

Sent Mil Sec
21/10/02

Lieut/Col. Mellis is
Send in
is Commanded ~~Cmdt~~ of
the 1st Bo.S. part of
which is proceeding
from Aden to
Somaliland. As
proposed to send the
following telegram
- but it does not
seem necessary to
charge Lieut/Col. Mellis's
with

(Form 15.)

11113. I. 330. 2000.—2/1902.

with the cost:

INFANDOS Utebamur ×

To General Officers of the Aden

PUTEUNTO

Do you require Mellis

MONOLORI TINGEREM

1st Bombay Duffy for active service

× 'Infandos' is not a cyphered address — merely a code-word

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21-10-or

INDIA OFFICE

Ad 21/10/02
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From Lt Col C.J. Burnett
1st Bombay Rifles
Oct 21st.
c/o H.S. King & Co. 45 Pall Mall

The Under Secretary of State
India Office

Sir

Having been on the daily papers of Wednesday detachment on portion of my regiment (1st Bombay Grenadiers) has been ordered on field service in Somaliland I have the honour to make application by telegram to the G.O.C. Aden at my own expense to be allowed to accompany ~~the~~ my men on active service.

I would most gladly give up my leave to do so.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
C.J. Burnett Lt Col

Return to Mr. Brown

Copy for _____

MILITARY DEPARTMENT FORM 10.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

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Addressed to Lieut-Col. C.J. Mellis, RE
45 Pall Mall
S.W.

Reminder in *weeks.*

Noted for

INDIA OFFICE,

22 OCT. 1902

Sir

I am directed ~~to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ ~~the~~ ~~and~~ to inform you ~~in reply~~ that the Govt of India have reported that they have no objection to the leave applied for by you.

You are accordingly granted six months' leave on private affairs under the leave Rules for the Staff Corps with Effect

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Letter sent ordering him out

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(Form 10.)

11758. I. 1507. 5000.—8/1902.

effect from ~~the day following~~
~~that upon which you~~
~~cease to draw pay from~~
~~the Colonial Office~~.

1st Oct 1902.

A Receivable Order
for £1-12-6 being the
cost of the telegrams
issued from India is
Enclosed.

A further letter
will be addressed to you
on receipt of a reply
to a telegram which has
been sent to the General
Officer Commanding Aden
regarding your employment
on active service in Somaliland

(S'D) E. STEDMAN.
Major General,
Military Secretary.

Cheque has been paid
& Co. 6
30 Sep 02

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W.H.L
22/10/02

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT FORM 10.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office

Reminder in *weeks.*

Noted for

INDIA OFFICE,

22 OCT. 1902

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20 Sept 1902 No 36773/1902 and to inform you in reply that

Lieut Colonel C. J. Mellis, V.C. D.S.C. was examined by a Medical Board on the 30th Sept and pronounced fit for duty in India.

He will accordingly be transferred to the Indian Establishment with effect from 1 Oct 1902

(Form 10.) W.H.S

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E. STEDMAN.
Major General,
Military Secretary.

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Reference Paper.

Military Department.

Referred to The Accountant Genl. The 21 Oct 1902

For preparation of a Receivable order for the cost of the telegrams to and from India dated 6th and October

Stdman
Major General
Mily. Secy

A Receivable Order for £1.12.6. as follows, is annexed for transmission to Lt: Colonel C. J. Melliss, V.C:-

To India, 8 words at 2/6 = £1.-.-.
From India 5 words at Rs:1.14.-
= Rs. 9.6.-, at 1/14 = 12.6
£1.12.6

Dftr.

Inv Hamrick
21st October 1902.

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Sir T. Sanderson 14/
Mr Fiddes 14/2/18

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Departments are requested, if they suspect that there is any mistake in this telegram, to communicate immediately *with the Private Secretary to the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State.*

COPY OF TELEGRAM

FROM

Viceroy

DATED 18th Oct. 1902

RECEIVED AT LONDON OFFICE 11. 12 A. M.

Melliss. We have no objection to leave.

Mr Shuckburgh

How many words?

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Mr. Swaen

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Military Department.

Letter No. M 14218 Received 4 Oct. 1902.

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	Date.	Initials.	SUBJECT.
Under Secretary	6/10/02	F.L.S.	Lieut. Colonel C. J. Melliss, V.C. I.S.C.
Secretary of State			
Committee			Extension of leave.
Under Secretary			
Secretary of State			
Council			

Approved Council, 190 . Mil. Sec. Mr.
Letter to No. M. dated 190 .
Despatch to No. " 190 .
Telegram to India No. 438 " 6 Oct 1902.

Send R Recoverable.
6 Oct 02

at the request of Lieut. Col. Melliss and at his expense it is proposed to send the following telegram to India:-

Vacantem, Simla.
Scordion
Have you any objections to
Recutita
six months' furlough
Stello
from 16 October last
Monolori
to Melliss 1st Bombay Infantry

(Form 15.)

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Sent 6/10/02 (8 words) W.H.

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I should be glad if his
name can be telegraphed to
Ins: at once
I am still
Manning 6 months
Yrs. Respectfully
4 Oct/02.

It is requested that in any further communication on this subject the undermentioned letter *and* number *may be quoted, and the reply addressed to—*

The Under Secretary of State for India,
India Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.

M. 13484.

India Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.

2nd October 1902.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence I am directed to inform you that the Medical Board which examined you on 30th September have reported that you are fit to return to duty in India.

You cannot be granted the leave asked for in your letter of 29th August 1902 without the previous assent of the Government of India. This can be applied for, if you so desire, by this Office by telegraph, the cost of the telegram to India and the reply being chargeable to you. I am to enquire whether you wish this to be done. I am also to enquire whether you still desire leave for six months.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

F. Whitton Smith

Asst. Military Secretary.

Lieutenant Colonel C. J. Melliss, V.C., I.S.C.,
45 Pall Mall.

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Return to Mr. _____ *Copy for* _____

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT FORM 10.

DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

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Addressed to Lt. Col. C. J. Mellis, I.S.C.
45 Pall Mall

Reminder in *weeks.*

Noted for

Mr. Smith

If he does not take any more leave he would revert, I suppose, from date of embarkation. If he has leave we must take the date of the Medical Board. I propose therefore not to write to the Colonial Office till he has replied.

RJT

Yes
F.V.S.

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INDIA OFFICE,

2 OCT. 1902

Sir

With reference to previous correspondence

I am directed to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ ~~the~~ ~~and to~~ inform you ~~in reply~~ that the Medical Board which examined you on 30 Sept. have reported that you are fit to return to duty in India.

You cannot be granted the leave asked for in your letter of 29 August 1902 without the previous assent of the Government of India. This can be applied for, if you so desire, by this Office by telegraph, the cost of the telegram to India and the reply being chargeable to you. I am to enquire whether you wish this to

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be done. I am also to inquire whether you still desire leave for six months.

F. W.S. 2/10

(S'D) F. WHITMORE SMITH,

Asst. Military Secretary.

MEDICAL BOARD,

INDIA OFFICE,

30th Septr 1902.

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WE certify to have carefully examined Lt: colonel B.J. Mellis V. C.,

and find that he is in good health & fit to return to India.

We therefore recommend that he be permitted to return to his duty in India.

A Crombie M.D. Surgeon-General. Lieut Colonel I.M.S.

J Birch Lieutenant-Colonel, I.M.S.

R.A.M. Corps.

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Return to Mr. Med Board

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

M
13484
1902

Addressed to Lieut. Col. C. J. Mellios, V.C.,
45 Pall Mall,
S.W.

Reminder in *weeks.*

Noted for

INDIA OFFICE,

23 SEP. 1902

With reference to your
Sick letter of 29 Augt. 1902,

I am directed to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~
~~the~~ request
~~and to inform you in reply~~ that you will
present yourself for
examination by the Medical
Board of this Office on
any Tuesday for report
as to your fitness or otherwise
for duty in India.

The Board meets at 1 p.m.
and Officers are examined in
the order of arrival during
the morning. Any medical
certificates bearing upon
your

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your case should be
previously forwarded,
postage prepaid, to Lieut.
Colonel A. Gombie, M.D., I.M.S.,
3a Bickenhall Mansions,
Gloucester Place, W.

(S'd) F. WHITMORE SMITH,
Asst. Military Secretary.

F.W.S. 23/4

Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,
and the following Number quoted. 36773/1902.

pp. 12267

M
13484
1902.

Downing Street,
20th September, 1902.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter M.12267 of the 2nd of September, and to ask that, if the Secretary of State for India sees no objection, Lieutenant-Colonel Melliss may be examined by a Medical Board as to his fitness for duty in India, and that the result of the examination may be communicated to this Office as soon as possible.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. L. Antrobus.

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

INDIA OFFICE.

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Addressed to Under Secretary of State
Colonial Office

Reminder in *weeks.*

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INDIA OFFICE,

2 SEP. 1902

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29 August 1902 No 33894/1902 and ~~to inform you~~ in reply ~~that~~

I refer to your letter to the War Office dated 22 May 1901 No 8395/1901 in which it was stated that the further period of employment of Captain (now Lt Col.) C. J. Wellesley under the Colonial Office would be about two years

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years. As this period
has not yet expired
and Lt Col. Wellesley is
[illegible] as sick
leave in this country
Lord George Hamilton
is unable to allow him
to revert to the Indian
Establishment unless
he is certified by a
Medical Board to be
fit for duty in India. ——

(S'D) F. WHITMORE SMITH,
Asst. Military Secretary.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT FORM 10.

DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

M
12264
1902

Addressed to Lieut Col. C.J. Melliss V.C.
45 Pall Mall
S.W.

Reminder in *weeks.*

Noted for

INDIA OFFICE,

2 SEP. 1902

Sir

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29 Aug 1902 and to inform you in reply that the question of your reversion to the Indian Establishment is now under correspondence with the Colonial Office. A further letter will be addressed to you shortly.

(S'D) F. WHITMORE SMITH.
Asst. Military Secretary.

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1902.

Hunstanton Lodge
Mr Swain Norfolk
12214.

August 29th 1902

From Lieut Colonel C.J. Melliss
1st Bombay Infantry

To The Under Secretary of State
India Office

Sir

I have the honour to inform you that I have resigned my appointment with the West African Frontier Force and also request that I may be granted 6 months furlough* before proceeding to join my regiment at Aden

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your Obedient Servant
C.J. Melliss Lt Colonel
1st Bo. I.

* For details see which my service under the Colonial Office terminates. as will be notified by them.

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c/o H.S. King & Co
45 Pall Mall
London.

P.S. Please address as per margin.

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 33394/1902.

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M
12219
1902.

Downing Street,

29 August, 1902.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Chamberlain to state, for the information of the Secretary of State for India, that Lieutenant Colonel C.J.Melliss, V.C., who has been on sick leave in this country since the 27th of May last, has resigned his appointment in the Northern Nigeria Regiment of the West African Frontier Force, and I am to ask that, if Lord George Hamilton sees no objection, he may be allowed to revert to the Indian Staff Corps as from the 1st of September next.

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2. Up to the 31st of August inclusive he will continue to draw pay from Northern Nigeria funds.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

C.P. Lucas

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT FORM 5.

M
6190
1901

EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

No. 70 para. 8

Dated 21 June 1901

M 6190.

8. Captain C. J. Melliss, V.C., having expressed his wish to return for further service with the West African Frontier Force, I have agreed to his employment for a period of about two years.

Copy of correspondence* on the subject is enclosed for your Excellency's information.

[*With reference to paragraph* 13 *of my Military Despatch No.* 130, *dated* 15*th November* 1900.]

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* From War Office, dated 19th December 1900, and enclosure.

To ditto, dated 21st December 1900, M 12,902.

From ditto, dated 28th May 1901, and enclosure.

To ditto, dated 31st May 1901, M 6190.

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Y 28786. 5000.—6/96. I. 1101.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to The Under Sec. of State
War Office

Reminder in *weeks.*

Noted for

India Office,

31 MAY 1901

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of
the 28th May, No. 074/5306,
and to acquaint you in reply that Lord George Hamilton
has no objection to Captain C. J. Mellis
V.C. remaining with the West African
Frontier Force for a period of about
two years.

(Sd) E. STEDMAN.
Major General,
Military Secretary.

Para. below

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F.W.J. 30/5/01

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State,
War Office,
London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.

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War Office,

London, S.W.

074/5306.

28th May, 1901.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 27th February last M.836, I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to forward for your information copy of a letter which has been received from the Colonial Office regarding Captain C.J. Melliss V.C., Indian Staff Corps, and I am to enquire what reply should be made to the 2nd paragraph of that letter.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E. Ward

The Under Secretary of State,
India Office.

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INDIA OFFICE
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8395/1901.

Downing Street,

22nd May, 1901.

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Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to state, for the information of Mr. Secretary Brodrick, in reply to your letter No. 074/5306 of the 5th of March last, that he proposes to employ Captain C.J. Melliss, V.C., as 2nd in Command of the Northern Nigerian portion of the West African Frontier Force on the promotion of Major G.V. Kemball, R.A., to be Inspector General of the new West African Frontier Force.

2. The further period of employment of Captain Melliss will amount, with the unexpired portion of his present leave of absence, and the leave of absence to which he will be entitled on the completion of a further tour of service, to about two years, and Mr.Chamberlain hopes that there will be no objection to his remaining with the West African Frontier Force for that period.

3. Mr. Chamberlain regrets that it has been impossible to reply to your letter earlier, the promotions consequent on the impending withdrawal of Colonel Sir J. Willcocks from the West African Frontier Force having only just been arranged.

4. A separate letter will be addressed to you on the

The Under Secretary of State,

War Office.

the subject of those promotions.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Sd.) R.S. Antrobus.

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INDIA OFFICE,

LONDON, 14th JUNE, 1901.

FINANCIAL,

No.106.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF INDIA IN COUNCIL.

My Lord,

With reference to the statements noted in the margin, received from the Comptroller of Indian Treasuries,

x F.S. No.138, dated 22nd August, 1900.
F.S. No.139, dated 22nd August 1900.
F.S. No.158, dated 14th September, 1900.

x

shewing the amounts due from the Imperial Government in respect of contributions towards ordinary pension and leave allowances of Officers lent to the British African Administrations, I forward, for your information, a copy of correspondence with the Colonial Office on the subject.

To Colonial Office, dated 10th January '01, and enclosure.
From Colonial Office, dated 21st February, '01.

2. With regard to the case of Lieutenant J. H. Bedford, I.S.C., I have decided to write off as irrecoverable the sum of Rs.488. 11. 5 included in F.S. Statement No.139, inasmuch as that Officer undertook, as stated

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stated in the enclosures to paragraph 27 of my despatch dated the 21st of October 1897, No.81 (Military), to pay his own contribution, although, doubtless in consequence of his early death, no payment was made by him.

3. In the case of Captain C. J. Melliss, I.S.C., referred to in the second paragraph of the letter from the Colonial Office of the 21st of February, Your Excellency was informed, in paragraph 9 of my despatch of the 25th of May 1899, No.54 (Military), that his services were deemed to have been lent for Imperial purposes, and that, therefore, no contribution was to be levied from him.

I have, &c,

(Sd.) George Hamilton.

(TRUE COPY)

M. S. Hall.

Return to Mr. _____ *Copy for* _____

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to the Under Sec. of State

War Office

Reminder in 2 *weeks.*

Noted for 13 March.

INDIA OFFICE,

27 FEB. 1901

I am directed, with reference to ~~to acknowledge the receipt of~~ your letter of the 18th Jan. last, No. 074/5119, to

~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~

enquire whether any decision has been arrived at as to the further employment of Captain C. J. Mullins V.C. with the West African Frontier Force.

(S'D) E. STEDMAN.
Major General,
Military Secretary.

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The Under Secretary of State,
War Office,
London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.

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War Office,

London, S.W.

18th January, 1901.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 21st ultimo M/12902, I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a letter which has been received from the Colonial Office on the subject of the re-employment of Captain C.J.Melliss V.C. Indian Staff Corps, with the West African Frontier Force.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E Hutwood Wilson

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The Under Secretary of State
India Office.

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Downing Street,

15th January, 1901.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, 074/5001, of the 28th of December, and to state, for the information of Mr Secretary Brodrick, that the question of offering Captain C.J.Melliss, Indian Staff Corps, further employment depends on impending changes in the higher ranks of the West African Frontier Force, the result of which cannot be foreseen for some little time: but that the information desired by the India Office will be furnished as soon as possible.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Sd) R.L.Antrobus

The Under Secretary of State,

War Office.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to the Under Sec. of State
War Office

Reminder in *weeks.*

Noted for

INDIA OFFICE,

21 DEC. 1900

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th Dec., No 074/4900,

and to acquaint you in reply that Lord George Hamilton has no objection to the further employment of Captain C. J. Mellis with the West African Frontier Force.

His Lordship would be glad to know as soon as possible if it is decided to re-employ Captain Mellis, and, if so, for what period.

(Sd) E. STEDMAN.
Major General,
Military Secretary.

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State,
War Office,
London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.

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War Office,

London, S.W.

074/4980

19th December, 1900.

Sir,

With reference to your letter (M.11695) of the 20th ultimo, I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a letter which has been received from the Colonial Office on the subject of the leave granted to Captain C.J.Melliss, Indian Staff Corps.

I have to call your attention to the second paragraph of this letter, and to request that you will be good enough to inform me whether there would be any objection on the part of the Secretary of State for India in Council to Captain Melliss engaging for further service with the West African Frontier Force.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G Hutwood Wilson

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Downing Street,

14th December, 1900.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr.Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.074/4713 of the 26th of November, and to state, for the information of Mr.Secretary Brodrick, that Captain C.J.Melliss, Indian Staff Corps, has been granted leave of absence from the West African Frontier Force with full pay for two months and 50 days from the 24th of October and for a further period of 4 months with half pay.

2. Captain Melliss has now expressed a desire to return for further service with the West African Frontier Force on the expiration of the leave of absence granted to him, and Mr.Chamberlain hopes that, if it is found possible to offer him further employment in the West African Frontier Force in a position which his seniority would permit him to accept, his services may continue to be at the disposal of this Department.

3. The question of offering Captain Melliss such further employment is now under consideration, and a further communication will be made to you as soon as a decision has been arrived at.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) R.L.Antrobus.

The Under Secretary of State
War Office.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

M
11695
1900

Addressed to

The Under Secretary of State,

War Office.

Reminder in *weeks.*

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INDIA OFFICE,

20 NOV. 1900

Sir

With reference to your letter of 24th ~~SIR,~~ October 1900, no. 074/4713

I am directed to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the~~ inform you that Capt. C. J. Mellis, ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ Indian Staff Corps, has now reported his arrival in this country from West Africa, and to request that you will now be good enough to state what amount of leave has ~~now~~ been granted him.

(S'D) E. STEDMAN.
Major General,
Military Secretary.

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M.
11695
1900.

c/o H.S. King & Co
45 Pall Mall
S.W.
14th Nov/00

To The Under Secretary of State
for India. Whitehall

Sir

I have the honour respectfully to report my arrival in England from West Africa on 10th inst. I enclose a copy of my Attached Field Force Order dated 2nd Aug

I have also reported my arrival at this Colonial Office.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient Servant
C.J. Mellis Capt
C.J. Mellis.
1st West African Frontier Force.

Coll. 322. File 2.
gives particulars
regarding some of the
conditions under which
S.C. officers are employed
in Africa.

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Ashanti Field Force Nolers
& Colonel Sir James Willcocks
K.C.M.G. D.S.O
Kumasi 4 Oct. 1900

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1900.

The undermentioned sick on
his recommendation by Board
of Medical Officers proceed
by first available Opportunity to
his Country on Sick Furlough for his
benefit & their health

Maj. C.J. Mullins (Staff) Welch Regt
(Severely wounded)

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By order.

J. J. Heath Capt
Chief Staff Officer
Ashanti Field Force

True Copy

E. Mullins Capt

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10886
1900

EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

No. 130 para. 13

Dated 15 Nov 1900.

M 10,886.

13. Captain C. J. Melliss, I.S.C., has been invalided home from the West African Frontier Force. He does not wish to return to West Africa, and will revert to the Indian Establishment on the expiration of any leave which may be granted to him. A copy of correspondence† on the subject is enclosed for your information.

[*In reply to paragraph* 20 *of your Military Despatch No.* 117, *dated* 23*rd August* 1900.]

† From War Office, dated 24th October 1900, and enclosure.

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State,
War Office,
London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.

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War Office,

London, S.W.

24th October, 1900.

074/4713.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th ultimo and 11th instant and in reply to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a letter which has now been received from the Colonial Office on the subject of the position of Captain C.J.Melliss, Indian Staff Corps, who is at present employed with the West African Frontier Force.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. Lucklaw
Asst

The Under Secretary of State,

India Office.

P.S. From a telegram just received from Sir J. Willcocks, Comg. the West African Frontier Force, it appears that Captain Melliss has now been invalided home.

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Downing Street,

20th October 1900.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letters No.074/4631 of the 22nd of September, and No.074/4690 of the 16th of October, and to state for the information of the Marquis of Lansdowne, that Captain C.J.Melliss, Indian Staff Corps, who is at present on active service with the detachment of the West African Frontier Force in Ashanti, informed the High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria in February last that he did not wish to return to the West African Frontier Force for a second tour of service.

2. Captain Melliss will therefore revert to the Indian Establishment on the expiration of any leave which may be granted to him, with pay from West African Frontier Force Funds. At present he is entitled to such leave for 6 months and 40 days from the date on which he may leave West Africa, and he will be entitled to leave for a further period of 10 days for each month that he completes in West Africa from the 15th September onwards.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) R.L.Antrobus.

The Under Secretary of State,

War Office.

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT FORM 11.

DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

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9173
1900

Addressed to

The Under Secretary of State,

War Office.

INDIA OFFICE,

11 OCT. 1900

Reminder in 4 *weeks.*

Noted for 11 Nov^r 1900.

SIR, Referring to this office letter M 9173 of 13th ult^o

I am directed to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter~~ ~~of the~~ enquire whether the ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ information therein asked for in regard to Capt C. J. Mellis can yet be supplied.

F.W.S. 10/10/00

(S^D) F. Whitmore Smith.
Asst. Military Secretary.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to U. S of S
W.O

Reminder in 3 *weeks*

Noted for 4 10. 00.

INDIA OFFICE,

13 SEP. 1900

Sir

Referring to your letter
No. 0711 / 3081 of 2nd May '99 & previous corrce

I am directed to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ enquire whether Capt C. J. Mellis's q^tm Bo I is likely to ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ revert to the Indian Establishment or be given further employment with the West African Frontier Force, and if so, for how long.

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for Mil Sec.

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EXTRACT PARA. 20 OF A DESPATCH FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, NO. 117, DATED 23RD AUGUST 1900.

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* * * * * * * *

20. The Adjutant-General in India enquires whether Captain C. J. Melliss, 9th Bombay Infantry, is likely to revert to the Indian establishment, or be given further employment with the West African Frontier Force, and if so, for how long. [*With reference to paragraph 9 of military despatch No. 54, dated India Office, the 25th May 1899, (M-4444).*]

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We have the honour to be,

MY LORD,

Your Lordship's most obedient, humble Servants,

(Signed) CURZON OF KEDLESTON.
„ EDWIN H. H. COLLEN.
„ A. C. TREVOR.
„ C. M. RIVAZ.
„ T. RALEIGH.
„ E. FG. LAW.

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INDIA OFFICE

Extract para. 20 of a Military Despatch to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India, No. 117, dated the 23rd August 1900.

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20. Enquiry whether Captain C. J. Melliss, 9th Bombay Infantry, is likely to revert to the Indian establishment from the West African Frontier Force.

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COPY OF TELEGRAM

FROM

Viceroy

with

W. L.

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DATED 22 May 1899

RECEIVED AT LONDON OFFICE 1.29 P.M.

My Military telegram dated 22nd March
last – Ottley – Please let me know
how long his services (are) likely
to be required with West African
Force.

Approach has been declined

yes. I shd hardly think necessary
to answer this. Our letter will get out in
a few days. F L S.

F Fairfield

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT FORM 5.

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1899

EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

No. 54 para. 9

Dated 25 May 1899

M 4444.

9. Captain C. J. Melliss embarked on the 22nd April 1899 for service with the West African Frontier Force. He has engaged to serve for a year from date of arrival in Africa, after which he may be granted six months' leave by the Colonial authorities, or may engage for a further period of service.

Captain Melliss's services are deemed to have been lent for Imperial purposes, and therefore no contribution is to be levied from him under Article 1415 ~~1338~~ of Army Regulations, India, Vol. I., Part I.

[*With reference to your Telegram, dated 24th February* 1899.]

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Reference Paper. Military Department.

Referred to Acct Genl. The 6th May 1899.

For information.

V.H. Lenmark
Lt Col

Noted.
A.G. Scott
8th May 1899.

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The Under Secretary of State,
War Office,
London, S.W.

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WAR OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

2nd May 1899.

Sir,

With reference to the letter from this Department of the 30th ultimo, I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that Captain C. J. Mellins, Indian Staff Corps, embarked on the 22nd Idem, to take up his duties with the West African Frontier Force.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
W. A. Knox

The Under Secretary of State
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WAR OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W.,

27th April 1899.

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The Under Secretary of State,
War Office,
London, S.W.

Sir Hut
Mr Stanley

SIR,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd Instant, and to acquaint you in reply ~~that~~, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that the enclosed memorandum gives full particulars of the conditions under which Captain C. J. Mellins, Indian Staff Corps is appointed to the West African Frontier Force.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
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**African (West),
No. 544.**

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE FOR OFFICERS IN THE WEST AFRICAN FRONTIER FORCE ON THE NIGER.

February 8, 1899.

Period of Employment.

I. The period for which officers are engaged, in the first instance, is one year's service in West Africa, to which must be added the time spent on the voyage out and such leave of absence as may be granted under Section IX. of these conditions of service. The year's service is reckoned from the date of landing in Africa (at the mouth of the Forcados River) to the date of re-embarking for England.

Upon the completion of a year's service officers recommended for further employment will have the opportunity of re-engaging for another period.

Officers invalided before completing a year's service in Africa will be granted sick leave under Section X. of these conditions.

Establishment.

II. The establishment of officers at present is as follows:—

Headquarters.	1	Commandant,
	1	Second in Command,
	1	A. D. C.
Infantry (2 battalions).	2	Lieutenant-Colonels,
	2	Majors,
	18	Captains,
	32	Lieutenants,
	2	Adjutants,
	2	Quartermasters.
Artillery.	1	Major,
	2	Captains,
	4	Lieutenants.
R. Engineers.	1	Captain,
	1	Lieutenant.

The Headquarters of the Force and of the 2nd Battalion are at present at Jebba, and those of the 1st Battalion at Lokoja.

Pay.

III. The pay of officers holding the under-mentioned ranks in the Force is as follows:—

Lieut.-Colonel	...	Pay	£700	a year.	Command Pay	£180	a year.
Major	... ...	„	£500	„	„	£120	„
Captain	... ...	„	£400	„	„	£60	„
Lieutenant	... ...	„	£300	„	„	—	
Adjutant	... ...	„	£400	„	Duty Allowance	£100	„
Quarter Master	...	„	£300	„	„	£100	„

Officers are entitled on first appointment to full pay from the date of embarkation in England.

Command pay or duty allowance is only payable to the officer actually holding the command or discharging the duty for which it is granted.

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Allowances.

IV. An "outfit allowance" of £30 is granted to each officer on first appointment.

A "field allowance" of 4s. a day is granted at present to all officers available for field duty and not provided with permanent quarters. It does not become payable until the officer takes up his duties with the Force, and stops when the officer ceases to be available for duty whether through being placed temporarily on the sick list or for any other reason. It is not payable during leave of absence, or sick leave, or on the sea voyages, or during the journey up or down river between the sea and the head-quarters of the battalion.

A free ration is also issued daily at present to officers in West Africa.

It is proposed, however, to substitute a consolidated allowance at the rate of £100 a year for field allowance and rations as soon as circumstances admit of it.

"Horse allowance" at 2s. 6d. a day is granted to all officers who are required to keep a horse.

Travelling Expenses.

V. Free passages are provided for officers to and from West Africa, subject to the exceptions specified in Section VIII. of these conditions.

Travelling expenses in the United Kingdom are not paid by the Government.

Method of Drawing Pay.

VI. Officers are required prior to leaving England to furnish their bankers or regimental or other agents with a power of attorney to enable them to furnish a legal receipt to the Colonial Office for pay drawn by them on behalf of the officer. Every officer must, before his departure, intimate to the Colonial Office the amount of his pay which he desires to be paid to his agents in England. One month's pay may be drawn in advance, but in that case there will be no further issue of pay in this country until after the termination of the month in which any further pay may become due. Pay becomes due on the last day of each month. All allowances other than pay of rank are issued locally.

Promotion and Temporary Appointments.

VII. Promotion is made by selection, and seniority alone confers no right to it. The Officer Commanding the Force is empowered to select officers for commands and appointments, and to confer any temporary or local rank necessary on the selection of an officer for a post of command. He is required to notify immediately to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, by post, the name of the officer whom he has selected, the local rank conferred, and the date from which the temporary appointment took effect. Such temporary and local rank will carry with it no increase of pay other than the allowance or command pay which may be attached to the command or appointment, and will not be regarded as substantive promotion, unless or until approved by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

Termination of Employment.

VIII. Officers desiring to resign their appointments in the West African Frontier Force will be required to intimate their wishes three months prior to the proposed date of their departure, so as to admit of their replacement. Officers resigning before the completion of one year's service in West Africa will not be entitled to a free passage to England, or to any pay after the date of their embarking for England.

Any officer whose appointment in the West Africa Frontier Force is cancelled, owing to adverse reports on his conduct or capacity from the Officer Commanding the Force, or for any other reason, will forfeit all claim to leave of absence or a free passage home, and his case will be dealt with on its merits.

During the first six months of his service an officer will be liable at any time to be sent back to his British regiment should it be considered that he is unsuited for duty in West Africa. Any questions as to leave of absence, passages, and salaries in such cases will be decided by the Secretary of State for the Colonies at his discretion.

Leave of Absence.

IX. An officer who has completed one year's service, or more, from the date of landing in Africa at the mouth of the Forcados River will, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, be granted—

(*a*) Two months' leave on the full pay of his substantive rank at the time when the leave is granted;

(*b*) Ten days' further leave on full pay for each completed calendar month's service beyond the year; and

(*c*) A further period of four months' leave on half-pay.

Leave of absence is, in accordance with the colonial practice, reckoned from the date of embarkation in West Africa, and, in the event of an officer engaging for further service with the Force, he will be expected to return so as to land again in Africa before the leave expires, unless the leave is extended on special grounds.

Sick Leave.

X. An officer invalided before the completion of a year's service in West Africa will be granted—

(*a*) Two months' leave on full pay from the date of embarkation in West Africa, and

(*b*) Such further leave on half-pay (not exceeding three months) as may be decided by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

If the officer wishes to return, and is certified to be physically fit for further service in West Africa, he will be expected to embark on the expiration of his half-pay leave. He will be entitled to half-pay during the voyage out, and to full pay from the date of landing in Africa.

Any extension of leave which may be granted by the Secretary of State, in excess of the amount authorised in the preceding paragraphs, will be without pay.

If the officer does not wish to return to West Africa, or is not passed as physically fit for further West African service, although fit for service elsewhere, the Secretary of State for War will be asked to arrange for his being reabsorbed into his British regiment as soon as possible.

If, at the end of five months from the date of leaving West Africa, he is still both unabsorbed and unfit for military duty with his regiment, he will continue to draw half (West African) pay until he is either reabsorbed or pronounced fit for military duty. When either of these events occurs, he will cease to draw pay from Frontier Force funds and will begin to draw pay from Army funds.

Dress and Equipment.

XI. Every officer is required to provide himself with the uniform and equipment detailed below, subject to the exceptions for non-combatant Departmental Staff as noted.

1. One serge Norfolk jacket, shoulder straps (for combatants only) with battalion No., initials of Force, and badges of rank. { 1st battalion blue, 2nd „ khaki, Staff and Departments khaki.

2. Two khaki drill suits (Norfolk jackets and trousers), gabardine if preferred. Shoulder straps (for combatants only) with battalion No. and initials of Force and badges of rank.

3. Two pairs khaki cord breeches (one medium, one thin).

4. One pair stiff leather gaiters (eyelet holes and laces).

5. Two pairs brown shooting boots.

6. Two pairs khaki putties.

7. Sam Browne belt with brown sword knot and leather scabbard, and two braces. (For combatant officers only.)

8. One Wolseley helmet and leather chin strap; 2 khaki pugaris; 1 red pugari for 1st battalion; 1 dark green pugari for 2nd battalion; 1 dark blue pugari for Departments; 1 of each pugari for Head Quarter Staff.

9. Khaki haversack, one whistle and lanyard.

10. Revolver (to take Government ammunition) with lanyard and small ammunition pouch. (Lanyard to be of same colour as pugaris.)

11. One pair straight spurs ($1\frac{1}{2}$ inch shank).

12. One brown leather belt with diagonal strap over shoulder for revolver. (For Departmental Officers only.)

13. Three mess jackets, roll collar, white drill (twisted cotton shoulder cord, miniature badges of rank removable for combatants. No shoulder cords for non-combatant Departments.)

14. Six white drill trousers.

15. Six white cotton shirts with turndown collar (on shirt)—stud holes.

16. Two black silk ties; 1 pair white canvas shoes.

17. One silk comerbund—colour same as pugari.

18. Sword, field service cap, great coat and cape, waterproof cloaks, regimental pattern. (For Combatant Officers only.) Non-combatant Departmental Officers to bring a substitute for the above, except sword.

19. Field glasses in brown leather case.

20. Luminous pocket compass.

21. Water bottle and canteen.

22. Saddle, bridle, and picketing rope.

23. Cavalry sketching case (Combatants only).

24. Two 35 lb. tin boxes with straps, 1 65 lb. tin box.

25. One (or more) boxes with name painted on, and locks, to leave at base with surplus clothes, &c.

All packages should have the owner's name painted upon them, and be marked W. A. F. F.

The following equipment will be provided for officers free of charge:—

Tent, table, chair, bed and mosquito curtain.

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MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

No. 46 para. 19

Dated 11 May 1899

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19. Lieutenant W. J. Ottley has declined appointment to the West African Frontier Force. M 4069.

[*With reference to my Telegram of* 16*th March, and to yours of* 22*nd March* 1899.]

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M 4069 1899

DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to Under Secr of State W.O.

Reminder in weeks.

Noted for 189 .

They seem to have overlooked this.

INDIA OFFICE,

22 APL. 1899

Sir

I am directed ~~by the Secretary of State for India in Council~~ to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 20th April No. 074/3014 and to ~~acquaint you in reply that~~ say that, as stated in para 2 of my Letter M. 3626 of 12th April, the Secr of State for India will be glad to learn the period for which Capt. Melliss's services are likely to be required in Africa.

I have &c.

(Sgd) O. R. NEWMARCH.
Major-General.
Military Secretary.

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(Form 10.)

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Y 2991. 5000.—7/98. I. 1266.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State,
War Office,
London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.

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War Office,

London, S.W.

20th April, 1899.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th instant, and, in reply, to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that Lieutenant W. J. Ottley, Indian Staff Corps, has declined appointment to the West African Frontier Force.

The date on which Captain C. J. Melliss * embarks to take up his appointment in this Force, will be communicated to you as soon as he has reported it to this Department.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Under Secretary of State,

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to Under Secy of State
W.O.

Reminder in weeks.

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INDIA OFFICE,

12 APL. 1899

Sir, With reference to your letters of 15th, 16th and 18th March, No. 074/2883 & 2888

I am directed ~~by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ to request that the dates on which ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ Capt. Mellis and Lieut. Ottley quit this country for West Africa may be communicated to this Office.

The Secretary of State for India would also be glad to be informed of the period for which these officers' services are likely to be required in Africa

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient
humble Servant,

(Sd) D. R. NEWMARCH.
Major-General.
Military Secretary

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J.H.S. 11/4/99

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 8431/99

M 3626 1899

Downing Street,

8th April, 1899

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No.M.2905 of the 30th March, and to state, for the information of the Secretary of State for India, that the selection of Lieutenant W.J.Ottley has not yet been reported to this Department by the War Office, but I am to refer you to the letter from this Office of the 30th March, and to inform you that the pay of all officers appointed to the West African Frontier Force will be paid from the funds described in that letter.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. L. Antrobus.

The Under Secretary of State
INDIA OFFICE.

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Reference Paper. Military Department.

Referred to Financial Dept. The 5th April 1899.

Does the Financial Secretary concur in the draft attached?

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Yes.
Henry Waterfield.
April 5. 1899.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to Captain C. J. Mellis

107 Pandgate Road

Folkestone

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INDIA OFFICE,

7 APL. 1899

With reference to my letter of the 10th March, M 2469

I am directed by the Secretary of State for India in Council ~~to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ to inform you that you will not ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ be required to make any contribution to the Indian exchequer during your service with the West African Frontier Force.

I am,

(Sd) G. R. NEWMARCH.
Major-General,
Military Secretary.

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 7078/99.

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Downing Street,
30th March, 1899.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr.Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter M.2739 of the 20th of March, and to state, for the information of the Secretary of State for India, that the pay of Captain C.J.Melliss will be paid from the funds provided by Parliament in the Civil Service Estimates for 1899-1900 under Class V, Vote III, Subhead U, for the service of the West African Frontier Force.

I am,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. L. Antrobus

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
INDIA OFFICE.

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Addressed to the Under Sec. of State
Colonial Office

Reminder in 3 weeks.

Noted for 20 4 1899.

INDIA OFFICE,
30 MAR. 1899

With reference to my letter of the 20th Mar., M2739,

I am directed ~~by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ to state that Lord George Hamilton ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ would be glad to be informed as soon as possible whether the pay of Captain C.J. Mullins and that of Lieut. W.J. Ottley, who it is understood is also about to be appointed to the West African Frontier Force, will be a charge against Imperial or against local Colonial ~~Funds~~ Revenues.

I am, Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Sgd) O. R. NEWMARCH.
Major-General
Military Secretary.

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Addressed to The Under Sec. of State
War Office

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India Office,

23 MAR. 1899

With reference to my letter of the 21st March, M2797.

I am directed ~~by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter~~ of to state that Lord George Hamilton ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~

has no objection to the appointment of Lieut. W. J. Ottley, Indian Staff Corps, to the West African Frontier Force.

Lieut. Ottley will cease to draw pay from this Office with effect from the date of his quitting this country.

(Sgd) C. R. NEWMARCH
Major-General
Military Secretary

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COPY OF TELEGRAM

FROM

Viceroy

DATED 22 March /99

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Your military telegram of the 16th March. Ottley. No objection.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to the Under Sec. of State
War Office

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INDIA OFFICE,

21 MAR. 1899

I am directed ~~by the Secretary of State for India in Council~~ to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Inst. March, No. 07[illegible]/2483, and to acquaint you in reply that, on receipt of your previous letter of the 15th Inst. March, a telegram was addressed to the Viceroy of India asking whether there was any objection to the services of Lieut. W. J. Ottley being lent for employment in the West African Forces. No reply has yet been received.

(Sd.) O. R. NEWMARCH.
Major-General
Military Secretary.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to the Under Sec. of State
Colonial War Office

Reminder in 1 weeks.

Noted for 27-3-1899.

INDIA OFFICE,

20 MAR. 1899

I am directed ~~by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of and to acquaint you in reply that~~ with reference to a letter from the War Office in which it is stated that the Marquis of Lansdowne has assented of Captain C. J. Mellis, Indian Staff Corps, being appointed to the West African Force, to enquire whether that officer's pay will be a

It seems hardly worth while to ask the W.O. again: from the fact letter they would hardly appear to know.

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a charge against Imperial or against local Colonial funds.

(Sgd) O. R. NEWMARCH.
Major-General,
Military Secretary.

Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State,
War Office,
London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.

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War Office,

London, S.W.

16th March, 1899.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that the Marquis of Lansdowne has approved of Captain C. J. Melliss, Indian Staff Corps, being appointed a Captain in the West African Frontier Force.

This Officer will receive no pay from Army or Indian Funds from the date of his embarkation, but will be paid from Colonial Office Funds from that date.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

E. Fleetwood Wilson

P.S. Captain Melliss has been instructed to place himself in communication with the Colonial Office.

The Under Secretary of State,
India Office.

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Mr-Smith

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The Under Secretary of State,
War Office,
London, S.W.

WAR OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W.,

18th March 1899.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that, should there be no objection on the part of Lord George Hamilton, the Marquis of Lansdowne proposes to select Lieutenant W. J. Attley, Indian Staff Corps, for appointment as a Lieutenant in the West African Frontier Force.

This Officer would receive pay from Colonial Office Funds whilst so employed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

The Under Secretary of State
India Office

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Lieut. W. J. Ottley, I. S. C.

Proposed employment with West African Frontier Force.

Approved Council, 189 . Mil. Sec. for Mr. Smith
Letter to No. M. dated 189 .
Despatch to No. " 189 .
Telegram to Viceroy No. 44 " 16 March 1899

Sent
16.3.99 W.L.

Sent
16/3/99 M.C.S.

Remarks by writer

It is proposed to send the following telegram to the Viceroy:-

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"Ottley, 17th Madras Infantry,

"for West African Force. Scordion

"Have you any objection?"

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State,
War Office,
London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.

074/2883

War Office,
London, S.W.

15th March, 1899.

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Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acquaint you, for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that should there be no objection on the part of Lord George Hamilton, the Marquis of Lansdowne proposes to select Lieutenant W. J. Ottley, Indian Staff Corps, for appointment as a Lieutenant in the West African Frontier Force.

This officer would receive no pay from Indian or Army Funds whilst so employed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

The Under Secretary of State,

India Office.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to the Under Sec. of State
War Office

Reminder in 1 weeks.

Noted for 17-3 1899.

INDIA OFFICE,

10 MAR. 1899

I am directed ~~by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ to state that Lord George Hamilton ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ would be glad to be furnished as soon as possible to a reply to the enquiry contained in the 2nd para. of my letter of the 27th Feb. last, M 2078, regarding the pay of Captain

C. J. Mellins.

(Sgd) O. R. NEWMARCH.
Major-General,
Military Secretary.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to Captain C. J. Mellis

107 Sandgate Road

Folkestone

Reminder in weeks.

Noted for 189 .

INDIA OFFICE,

10 MAR. 1899

I am directed ~~by the Secretary of State for India in Council~~ to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th March and to acquaint you in reply that your service with the West African Force will reckon as service for Indian pension and for leave pay under the Leave Rules for the Staff Corps.

You may be required to make a contribution to the Indian exchequer towards your leave and pension allowances

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allowances under article 1338 Indian Army Regulations, Vol. I, Part I. A further communication will be addressed to you on this subject.

(Sd) O. R. NEWMARCH.
Major-General,
Military Secretary.

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107 Sandgate Road
Folkestone

8 March 1899.

From Captain C.J. Stallard
Indian Staff Corps

To The Under Secretary of State for India
Judl. Office - Whitehall.

W Smith

Sir

I have the honour to request that
you will be so good as to inform
the Secretary of State for India
in Council that I accept his
appointment in the West African
Frontier Force, Service with which shall
according to his condition & under which
I accept his appointment being of a
temporary nature. I am correct
in my supposition that my service
with that Force will count towards
my Indian Pension & furlough & pay
as in the case of Officers of the Indian Staff Corps
Employed in Africa.

Please note address
c/o H.S. King & Co
45 Pall Mall
London
S.W.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your obedient servant
C.J. Stallard Capt
Indian Staff Corps.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to the Under Sec. of State
War Office

INDIA OFFICE,

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Reminder in 1 weeks.

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I am directed ~~by the Secretary of State for India in Council~~ to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th Feb., No. 914/2769.

and to acquaint you in reply that Lord George Hamilton has no objection to the appointment of Captain C. J. Mellis, Indian Staff Corps, to the West African Frontier Force.

I am to enquire whether Captain Mellis will be paid from Imperial or Colonial Funds.

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He will cease to draw pay for this office with effect for the date of termination of his leave or from that of his quitting this county whichever happens first.

(Sgd) G. R. NEWMARCH.
Major-General.
Military Secretary.

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COPY OF TELEGRAM

FROM

Viceroy. Sup 1887. Mr. Smith

DATED 24th Feb. '99.

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Your Pol. Tel. 20th Feb.

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Captain C. J. Mellin I. T. C.
Proposed employment with
West African Frontier Force.

Approved Council, 189 . Mil. Sec. No. Mr. dated 189 .
Letter to
Despatch to No. " 189 .
Telegram to Viceroy " 28 " 20 Feb 1899.

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It is proposed to send the following telegram to the Viceroy:-

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"Mellin, 9th Bombay Infantry,

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Jx
20 Feb. '99

for West African Force.
Scorpion.

"Have you any objection?

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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State,
War Office,
London, S.W.,

and the following number quoted.

War Office,

London, S.W.

074/2769

18th February, 1899.

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acquaint you for the information of the Secretary of State for India in Council, that the Marquis of Lansdowne proposes to select Captain C.J.Melliss, Indian Staff Corps, for appointment as a Captain in the West African Frontier Force, should there be no objection on the part of Lord George Hamilton.

See India Office letter 24.1.99

This Officer would be struck off pay from Indian Funds whilst so employed.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. H. Knox

The Under Secretary of State,

India Office.

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Addressed to Captain C. J. Mellin
45 Pall Mall

Reminder in weeks.

Noted for 189 .

INDIA OFFICE,

3 FEB. 1899

With reference to my letter of the 24th Jan. last, M 876,

I am directed ~~by the Secretary of State for India~~ in Council to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ inform you that a note has been ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ made at the War Office of your wish for employment with the West African Frontier Force.

(Sgd) O. R. NEWMARCH.
Major-General,
Military Secretary.

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It is requested that in any further communication on this subject, the above Number may be quoted; and the Letter addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State,
War Office,
London, S.W.

WAR OFFICE,

LONDON, S.W.,

31st January 1899.

SIR,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th Instant and to acquaint you in reply that a note has been made of the wish of Captain C. J. Mellis, Indian Staff Corps, for employment with the West African Frontier Force, for such consideration with those of others as can be afforded thereto, in the event of an opportunity offering.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

COLERIDGE GROVE,

M. S.

The Under Secretary of State
India Office

~~The General Officer~~
~~Commanding the Troops.~~

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Addressed to the Under Sec. of State War Office

Ask says W.O. but surely it ought to be Colonial Office. ask the C.O. and if from the W.O. Miss

INDIA OFFICE,

24 JAN. 1899

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I am directed ~~by the Secretary of State for India in Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ to forward herewith copy of a letter ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ from Captain C.J. Mellis, Indian Staff Corps, offering his services with the West African Frontier Force.

I am,

(Sd.) O. R. NEWMARCH,
Major-General,
Military Secretary.

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Addressed to Captain C. J. Mellis

45 Pall Mall

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India Office,

24 JAN. 1899

I am directed ~~by the Secretary of State for India in Council~~ to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 22nd Jan.

and to acquaint you in reply that your application has been forwarded to the War Office.

J. M.

(Sd) G. R. NEWMARCH.
Major-General.
Military Secretary.

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45 Pall Mall
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Jan 22nd 1899

From Captain C.J. Mellis
9th Bombay Infantry

To The Under Secretary of State
for India.

Sir

I have the honour to make
this my application, that my
name may be submitted to the
War Office as desirous of serving
in the West African Frontier Force.
I would add that the Commandant
Colonel Lugard price me to
understand that he has already
brought forward my name for
appointment to the Force, in the
event of the sanction of the Secretary
of State for India being obtained
to the loan of my services.
I had perhaps better state here
that I have had some experience

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Services in Africa, leading
to the Somali Coast
and in the Operations in East
Africa in 1896.

From the Honble Sir
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Lieut Colonel Commdg Levant

C. J. Mellist Capt
6th Bombay Infantry.

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